

Serial No. 10/501,000

REMARKS

In response to the Final Rejection dated November 16, 2005, Applicant is proposing to amend this case to place it in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate into the vaporizer a fan for blowing the therapeutic vapors adjacent to a person. This change is already set forth in dependent claims in the application and in the specification and requires no new search on the part of the Examiner.

Reconsideration and allowance are requested for the following reason:

1) Claims 22 through 24 turn on the basic therapeutic concept of having a clothing item having a plurality of acupressure nodules, each of said nodules being located at a selected known acupressure point of the individual wearing the clothing item. This concept is especially applicable to shoes where acupressure nodules are continuously pressed against the acupressure points of a person wearing the shoes. This concept is not shown in the cited references nor in the prior art. The Humphreys reference

Serial No. 10/501,000

cited in connection with these claims teaches a magnetherapy insole for shoes having strips of magnetic material placed in the sole. It does provide a plurality of uniformly distributed protrusions as part of the cushioning to provide a massaging affect to the feet of the wearer but this in no way suggests the actual placing of acupressure nodules at selected acupressure pressure points of the individual wearing the clothing or shoes and this would be unobvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

2) Claim 30 suggests the concept of a plurality of therapeutic devices attached to a piece of furniture. It includes a vaporizer for producing a vapor with a plurality of therapeutic devices being camouflaged from view in the furniture. The Mandish patent teaches a salt air freshener apparatus and method specifically dealing with killing airborne microbiological agents and specifically with the use of salt to produce negative ions while coated with a silver colloidal solution. It does not teach the use of a vaporizer concealed in a piece of furniture.

Serial No. 10/501,000

3) Claims 27 through 29 teach a ladies purse having a plurality of therapeutic devices therein including an electric massager formed into the purse for massaging a person's body when the person holds the ladies purse against a portion of the body. The claims also call for a heating pad with the vaporizer being incorporated into the purse. Nowhere has the prior art suggested the use of a ladies purse which incorporates an electric massager which can be activated by a person in public for massaging a sore or injured portion of a person's body.

4) Claims 25 and 26 are directed towards a clothing item worn on the head of an individual, and specifically towards a hat or cap which incorporates and camouflages a vaporizer therein positioned where vapors can be generated adjacent an individual's head and nose. Claim 26 further limits this to a hat having a brim having a passive vaporizer for producing the vapors adjacent the person's face and nose. This has not been taught or suggested by the prior art and advantageously allows a person to be exposed to predetermined healthy vapors while going about day to day activities without drawing attention to the use of the vaporizer.

Serial No. 10/501,000

5) Claims 11 and 14 through 21 are directed towards a decorative soft sculpture shaped to be positioned adjacent to a person and having a plurality of therapeutic devices attached to the decorative object adjacent the person wearing the decorative soft sculpture including a vaporizer for producing therapeutic vapors. The prior art does not teach the use of attaching a soft sculpture to a person in which the soft sculpture being worn by the person also has multiple therapeutic devices including a vaporizer for producing the therapeutic vapors adjacent the person wearing the soft sculpture. Further claims also provide for the soft sculpture to include a massage unit, a heating unit of loose granular materials, including flax seed, or including a vaporizer having a heating element and a fan for blowing heated vapors adjacent the person from the soft sculpture or the use of permanent magnets and having a plurality of pressure points formed in the decorative soft sculpture to apply pressure to predetermined portions of a person's body.

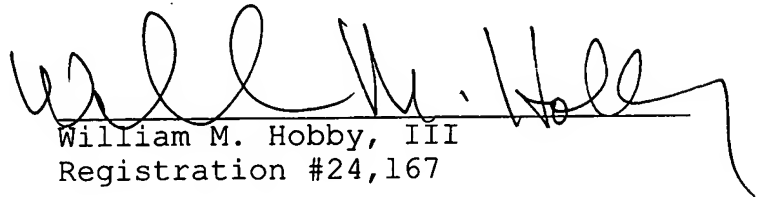
Serial No. 10/501,000

6) Claim 1 and 4 through 10 provides for a plurality of therapeutic devices which includes a vaporizer producing therapeutic vapor adjacent a person and it is proposed to amend this claim to have the vaporizer include a fan for directing the produced vapors adjacent to the person. The therapeutic device is camouflaged concealing the plurality of therapeutic devices and is worn by an individual receiving therapy from the therapeutic devices. Dependent claims further specify the specific therapeutic devices. The prior art teaches therapeutic devices that are worn by individuals but not ones that are camouflaged and worn by individuals and which include a fan for directing specific vapors from the camouflaged vaporizer and which also include other therapeutic devices.

Serial No. 10/501,000

Applicant would request reconsideration and allowance or entry of the present proposed amendments to place the case in better condition for appeal.

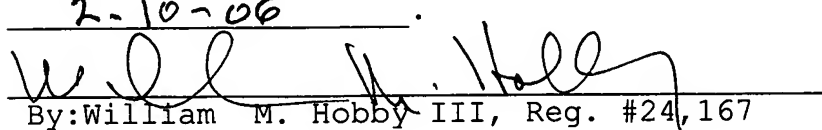
Respectfully submitted,


William M. Hobby, III
Registration #24,167

157 E. New England Avenue
Suite 375
Winter Park, Florida 32789
(407) 644-8888

Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

2-10-06

By: William M. Hobby III, Reg. #24,167